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SUBJ: FSO VISIT TO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON

1. FSO EDWARD P. DJEREJIAN, ACCOMPAINED BY TWO SECURITY OFFICERS, MARK E. MULVEY AND GEORGE M. FRATODDI, IS BEING SENT INTO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP THERE. HE WILL STAY THERE APPROXIMATELY THREE TO FOUR DAYS, RETURN TO NICOSIA AND REPORT HIS ACTIVITIES AND POSSIBLY RETURN BRIEFLY TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS. THEREAFTER, HE WILL RETURN AGAIN TO CHRISTIAN LEBANON FOR ABOUT A WEEK TO TEN DAYS. AS WILL BE MADE CLEAR IN THE PRESS GUIDANCE (SEPTTEL), THIS STEP IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO GET IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH CHRISTIAN LEADERS AND OTHERS WITH WHOM EMBASSY BEIRUT HAS HAD NO DIRECT FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT SINCE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR MELOY'S ASSASSINATION. DJEREJIAN SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A SPECIAL EMISSARY TO THE DE FACTO CHRISTIAN
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ADMINISTRATION. INSTEAD, WE WANT TO PUT ACROSS THE POINT

THE DJEREJIAN HAS BEEN ENLISTED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO EMBASSY BEIRUT WHICH HAS BEEN PREVENTED FROM HAVING ADEQUATE CONTACT WITH THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP OWING TO THE SECURITY PROBLEM; HIS VISIT IS GENERALLY PART OF THE EMBASSY'S OVERALL MISSION.

2. PRESS GUIDANCE AND DETAILED ITINERARY IN SEPTELS.

3. FOR ATHENS: PLEASE MEET AND ASSIST DJEREJIAN AND SECURITY OFFICERS ON THEIR ARRIVAL, PROBABLY SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, AND FACILITATE THEIR ONWARD TRAVEL TO CYPRUS SAME DAY VIA OLYMPIC AIRWAYS (WE WILL CABLE EXACT ARRIVAL DATE).

4. FOR NICOSIA: (A) PLEASE MEET THE THREE MEN, ARRANGE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SUNDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 15, AND RESERVE THREE (ROUND-TRIP) PLACES ON THE MOST COMFORTABLE VESSEL AVAILABLE DEPARTING CYPRUS FOR JOUNIEH ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16. MAKE RESERVATIONS WITHOUT GIVING NAMES OF THREE ACTUAL PASSENGERS UNTIL THEY ARE READY TO BOARD. PLEASE CABLE DEPARTMENT AND BEIRUT ALL RELEVANT DETAILS RE IZPRUS-JOUNIEH TRAVEL, INCLUDING JOUNIEH ETA.

(B) AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO HAVE DJEREJIAN CARRY WITH HIM THE SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS GEAR LEFT WITH SECURITY OFFICER BY NEA/EX EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONNOLLY SOME TIME AGO; DJEREJIAN AND SECURITY OFFICERS WILL HAVE BEEN GIVEN A BRIEFING ON ITS USE IN WASHINGTON IN THE EVENT WE DECIDE TO USE THIS EQUIPMENT. YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED MAKE IT AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE.

(C) YOU SHOULD PLAN ON GIVING DJEREJIAN ALL NECESSARY SECRETARIAL AND COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE WHEN HE RETURNS TO NICOSIA FROM JOUNIEH SO THAT HE CAN CABLE HIS INITIAL REPORTS WITHOUT DELAY.

5. FOR BEIRUT: (A) ASSUMING TELEPHONES ARE STILL WORKING AT LEAST SPORADICALLY, YOU SHOULD GET IN TOUCH INITIALLY WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY, CARLOS KHOURY, AND THEREAFTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY
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SECRETARY GENERAL NAJIB DAHDAH TO INFORM THEM OF OUR PLANS TO HAVE DJEREJIAN ARRIVE IN JOUNIEH BY BOAT SOME TIME IN THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16-20. (FOR SECURITY REASONS, DO NOT GIVE EXACT ETA). DRAWING ON SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE PROVIDED SEPTEL, YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE HOPE DJEREJIAN WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE AND HIS STAFF, PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS, CHAMOUN, GEMAYEL, AND PATRIARCH KHURAYSH, AT A MINIMUM. CABLE RESULTS YOUR

TALKS TO DEPT. AND NICOSIA SO THAT DJEREJIAN WILL KNOW
WHOM FIRST TO CONTACT ON ARRIVAL.

(B) SOME TIME ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16, YOU SHOULD INFORM
PRIME MINISTER KARAME OF OUR PLANS. AT YOUR DISCRETION,
YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO INFORM OTHERS TO WHOM AMBASSADOR
SEELYE HAD PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED THE IDEA OF SENDING AN
OFFICER INTO EAST BEIRUT (JUMBLATT, SAEB SALAM, ETC.)

(C) PLEASE FORWARD SOONEST TO DEPARTMENT AND NICOSIA
NAMES, TITLES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS OF THE ICRC
REPRESENTATIVES IN JOUNIEH SINCE DJEREJIAN MAY, IN
ADDITION TO HIS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, LOOK INTO WAYS OF
ASSISTING WITH THE MEDICAL SUPPLY PROBLEM.

(D) PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE EMBASSY FSL JOSEPH
KARAM (WHOM YOU HAD SUGGESTED FOR THIS JOB) MEET AND
ASSIST DJEREJIAN THROUGHOUT HIS STAY IN THE CHRISTIAN
AREA WITH REGARD TO HOTELS, TRANSPORTATION, ETC. BECAUSE
OF SECURITY PROBLEM, KARAM SHOULD SIMPLY BE TOLD TO MEET
ALL INCOMING BOATS FROM CYPRUS BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 16.
HE SHOULD TRY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR FOUR, HIMSELF
INCLUDED, AT SUITABLE HOTEL; HE SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED
TO PUT DJEREJIAN PARTY INTO TOUCH WITH CAR HIRE ORGANIZA-
TION. FYI: IT MAY TURN OUT THAT CHRISTIANS MAY
OFFER SOME SERVICES IN THIS CONNECTION END FYI.

6. NOTE FOR ALL: WE WISH TO KEEP THIS VISIT AS LOW-KEY
AND ROUTINE-APPEARING AS POSSIBLE. WE WANT TO AVOID GIVING
OUT EXACT ETA JOUNIEH TO ANYONE, FOR SECURITY REASONS AND
ALSO IN HOPE THAT PUBLICITY ON THE VISIT WILL NOT EMERGE
UNTIL DJEREJIAN IS ALREADY IN JOUNIEH.

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